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**ATTORNEY GENERAL DARRELL MCGRAW
SUES WHOLESALE USED CARS, INC.,
A CHARLESTON BUY HERE-PAY HERE DEALER**

Attorney General Darrell McGraw today filed suit against Wholesale Used Cars, Inc., its President, Jeryl A. Parker and its Vice President, Charles Parker. Wholesale operates four used Buy here-pay here® automobile dealerships in the Charleston area. The dealerships are located on Central Avenue on the west side, Sissonville Drive, Patrick Street, and Kanawha City.

The suit charges the Parkers with selling cars that did not meet the implied warranty of merchantability. Under West Virginia law, cars cannot be sold as is.® Indeed, the goods must conform to all state and federal safety standards and must operate properly in normal usage for a reasonable period of time.

The suit is based on numerous complaints by consumers that the cars they bought broke down shortly after purchase and some of them before the consumers even got the cars home. In addition, Wholesale's financing contracts contain numerous violations of state and federal law.

The Parkers are selling junk cars to low income consumers, and then refusing to repair the cars when they inevitably break down. They are taking advantage of people who just want safe and reliable transportation,® explained Attorney General McGraw.

Charles Parker had previously signed an Assurance of Discontinuance in February, 2002, with the Attorney General's office, promising to stop selling unmerchantable vehicles and to take other actions to make his business comply with the law. The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division has continued to receive numerous complaints for the same type of violation that he had previously promised to remedy. The suit seeks consumer restitution and an injunction that would prohibit Wholesale's financing the sale of used cars and selling cars that do not meet the implied warranty standards.

If you want further information, contact Attorney General McGraw's toll free hotline at 1-800-368-8808.

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